



Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

This week we usher in the Hebrew month of Sivan. We commemorate the holiday of our receiving our eternal role in this world. We are given the directive to be a “holy nation”. The only way we can understand the meaning of being holy is by internalizing the words of the blueprint of creation, the Torah.

Shavuot is the day we make the commitment to deepen our identity in this confusing world. At Beth Israel, it is our mission to deepen our identity and commitment to be the best we can be by constant Torah Learning and character building daily. Be a part!

Blessings for a rejuvenating summer!

Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

This year, at the beginning of June, we celebrate Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day. It is the ‘youngest’ holiday in our calendar, the last holiday to be added, 52 years ago. On this day we celebrate the reunification of Jerusalem, during the Six-Day War in 1967.

In Israel, there is a constant tension between the two major cities, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. There are some who are big fans of Tel Aviv, while others are more of Jerusalem type of people. Tel Aviv seems to be an easier choice: large modern city, with culture, sports and businesses.

Jerusalem, on the other hand, is more complicated: politically, socially and economically.

However, it seems that all these complications are part of the story and the mission of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is here to remind us who we are, as Jewish people. We did not rebuild our ancient homeland only in order to have a modern country, like all the others. In Jerusalem we have the place where the Temple was built, and we have special laws and restrictions about the holiness of the city. Jerusalem reminds us that we are part of something greater, that we should seek for holiness and G-dliness in our lives through the Torah we received.

Rabbi Shlomo

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***The next
Board of Commissioners
meeting will be held on
July 10 beginning
at 6:30pm
in the Social Hall.***

***Agenda items must be
submitted two weeks
in advance.***



A Warm “Thank You” to Beth Israel’s Wonderful Supporters

(includes Todah Rabas for April 28- May 25)

...Jordana Kurtzman and family for sponsoring the May 4th week of learning.

...Maneva Ruth Edelman for sponsoring the May 4 kiddush in honor of Harold Edelman’s birthday and Ida Banner’s family sponsoring dessert in honor of her birthday.

...Ari & Sara Kohen for sponsoring the May 11 week of learning.

...Joshua & Anna Priluck for sponsoring the May 11 kiddush in honor of the birth of their daughter Ariella Adara.

...Jack Kozlen for the donation of several bottles of whiskey and gin.

...Janet Kohll and Adina Schuller for serving on the Beth Israel Board of Commissioners.

...Bruce Goldberg for his service as VP of Finance and Susie Shyken for her service as Secretary for the Board of Commissioners.

...Everyone who came to our very meaningful Yom HaZikaron event.

...Michael & Karen Cohen for sponsoring the May 18 Shabbos sheet in honor of Teddy Dunning’s birthday this past week.

...Aviva Segall & Patrick McNamara for sponsoring the May 18 week of learning in honor of Ilana’s graduation and in gratitude of the generosity from the community for helping in Ilana’s education.

...Susie Shyken for sponsoring the May 18 security in honor of Peicy Shyken’s 66 bar mitzvah anniversary.

...to the sponsors of the April, May, and Graduation Simcha Kiddush.

Birthdays; Shilo Abramovich, Bradley Berman, Harry Berman, Zoe Berman, Esther Dembitzer, Rina Dembitzer, Solomon Denenberg, William Theodore Dunning, Harold Edelman, Irving Epstein, Daniel Grossman, Julee Katzman, Lauren Kirshenbaum, Judah David Kohen, Adam Kohll, Anna Kohll, David Kohll, Jack Kohll, Janet Kohll, Samuel Kohll, Anna Priluck, Zoe Riekes, Johnathan Rockman, Oliver Rockman, Ella Miriam Seigel, Melissa Shrago, Paul Shyken, Adam Orson Susman, Scott Susman, Evan Varkony, and David Wheeler.

Anniversaries; Jeff & Sharon Kirshenbaum, Ari & Sara Kohen, Michael & Melissa Shrago, Stacey & Jonathan Rockman, Errol & Lynne Saltzman, Aviva Segall & Patrick McNamara, Yosef Seigel & Sarah Abrahamson, and Fred & Alyshia Weiss.

Graduations; Max Nehemiah Kohll, and Ilana McNamara.

...Nate & Carly Shapiro for sponsoring the May 25 week of learning in honor of the birth of Rabbi Shlomo & Hodaya’s beautiful daughter, Noa Rivka.

...Helene Shrago, Ida Banner, Bette Kozlen, Linda Neumann-Potash, and the other volunteers who have helped in the kitchen for kiddushes, Lag Ba’Omer, and other happenings at Beth Israel.

...Harry Weiner for building and keeping our bonfire burning bright for Lag B’Omer.

...Max Weiner for being our grill master at the Lag B’Omer Bonfire & BBQ Picnic.

...Kaitlin Maher for helping set up for the Lag B’Omer Bonfire & BBQ Picnic.

...Yaakov Jeidel for being the Lag B’Omer DJ and helping clean up.

...Harry Berman for driving the NCSY kids to Wisconsin.

...Jack Kozlen & Jonathan Rockman for spending hours working with Nate to understand the financial history and future of the Shul.

...Dani Shrago for continuing to do the weekly shopping.

...Sara Weiner for continuing to set up the chapel for Shabbat.

SERVICE SCHEDULE JUNE/JULY 2019

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday - Thursday Mincha/Maariv

Refer to weekly email or orthodoxomaha.org.

Services typically held at Rose Blumkin Jewish Home

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Parshat Bechukotai - May 31 - June 1

8:06 pm Candle Lighting
7:50 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:11 pm Havdalah

Parshat Bamidbar - June 7 - 8

8:13 pm Candle Lighting
7:55 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:19 pm Havdalah

Parshat Nasso - June 14 - 15

8:20 pm Candle Lighting
8:05 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:27 pm Candle Lighting

Parshat Beh'alotcha - June 21 - 22

8:26 pm Candle Lighting
8:10 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:35 pm Havdalah

Parshat Sh'lach - June 28 - 29

8:44 pm Candle Lighting
8:25 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:53 pm Havdalah

Parshat Korach - July 5 - 6

8:42 pm Candle Lighting
8:25 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:51 pm Havdalah

Parshat Chukat - July 12 - 13

8:40 pm Candle Lighting
8:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:47 pm Havdalah

Parshat Balak - July 19 - 20

8:35 pm Candle Lighting
8:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:42 pm Havdalah

Parshat Pinchas - July 26 - 27

8:30 pm Candle Lighting
8:10 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
9:35 pm Havdalah



REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly. Thank you.

WEEK OF LEARNING AT BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Sponsoring a Week of Learning is a wonderful way to commemorate a special occasion and support Beth Israel. In addition to the sponsor indicated reason, each Week of Learning sponsorship will be "in the merit of a complete recovery for those who are ill and need a recovery in our community and in the entire nation of Israel."

A sponsorship is just \$100.

Contact the office to schedule.

Weekdays

Monday

12:00 p.m.

Jewish History: Your History
with Rabbi Shlomo

Tuesday

Torah Tuesday
with Rabbi Ari

Thursday

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting with Our Faith*
with Rabbi Ari
12 p.m. - *Jewish Ethics* with
Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

Friday

11:15 a.m. - *Friday Learning Series*
@ Kripke Library

Watch Jewish Press and weekly emails for dates
and topics

Weekends

Saturday

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with
Torah in Your Home. Meet one-on-one, or with
a few friends for this learning opportunity.
Contact Rabbi Shlomo to schedule a time.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Todah Rabah to the many wonderful donors at the May blood drive.



Fun was had by all with s'mores, stories, archery, music, BBQ, and of course the epic bonfire.



Night Under the Cochavim July 7th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for as we bid a fond farewell to the Abromovitch family. There will be an outdoor picnic of fried chicken, hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads, chicken fingers, and more!

*Member Adults: \$12
Member Children (4 - 12): \$5
Non-member Adults: \$15
Non-member Children (4 - 12): \$7
Children (3 & under): Free*

*To register or to donate to the goodbye gift
Call the office at 402.556.6288 or email Kaitlin at
executivasst@orthodoxomaha.org*

Teen Fundraiser

We are looking for youth 11 years and up who have benefited from Beth Israel's youth programming. Whether it be the adventures of NCSY/NCSY Junior shabbaton, financial help to Friedel, or even attending JYE BI events, please consider talking to your teens/preteens about giving back! We are looking at organizing a teen-led fundraiser with preteen assistance! This will be completely youth run with educational opportunities from folks in our community that have experience with fundraising, advertising, business sense and more. We would like to showcase all the amazing talent that our kids have, while providing opportunities for them to grow, and empowering them to lead.

If you are a teen, know a teen, or have a teen, that would be willing to help us plan and execute a teen led fundraising project, please contact Lauren Tam usbooksandme@yahoo.com



The Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel - JYE BI is based on the goal of developing passionate and knowledgeable Jews in a fun, content-based environment. Giving kids the building blocks of Torah Judaism and showing the way to make those a part of their daily lives will be found throughout the JYE BI's many activities.



SHABBAT 10-11:30 am

Teen boys - Kiddush Club with Yaakov Jeidel in the Sanctuary.

10:30-11:15am

3-6 years old - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman in the Social Hall (If no class is held, children go to baby-sitting room or with parents)

7-11 years old - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber in the Beit Midrash (Chapel) and with Rabbi Moshe in the Social Hall

12-17 years old - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel in the Social Hall

Matmidim with Mr. Shrago in the Social Hall

Approximately 12pm, following kiddush - *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari his office

SUNDAY

K through 6th Grades

Sunday programing has ended for the summer. Be sure to keep and eye out in the august bulletin for upcoming classes.

TUESDAY

Teen Programming

Tuesday programing has ended for the summer. Be sure to keep and eye out in the august bulletin for upcoming classes.

Tot Programming/PJ Library

Special programs, in collaboration with PJ Library Omaha, will take place several times during the year.

Sunday June 23, at Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, PJ Library Day at the Zoo. Time to be determined. Ages 0-12 years.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, or submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact the synagogue office.

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who have celebrated or will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

Sophie Cemaj	June 1	Ben Shapiro	July 5
Cindy Goldberg	June 3	Devora Rich	July 5
Lloyd Roitstein	June 4	Shirley Goodman	July 6
Dr. Bracha Goldsweig	June 7	Sidney Zacharia	July 7
Mark Kazor	June 9	Faige Jeidel	July 8
Gabor Petro	June 10	Kieran Smith	July 8
Brigitte Mimran	June 11	Leora McNamara	July 9
Douglas Smith	June 12	Ilana Mc Namara	July 10
Juana Hass	June 15	Jeffery Stein	July 13
Luke Weiner	June 15	Rita Amster	July 14
Aidan Shnayder	June 20	Jon Tindall	July 15
Aiden Shyken	June 20	Joel Alperson	July 17
Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich	June 20	Susan Besser	July 17
Andreea Shnayder	June 21	Dr. Steve Denenberg	July 18
Evelyn Smith	June 21	Moshe Rosenblatt	July 18
Leon Shrago	June 22	Stephanie Shapiro-Cohen	July 20
Susie Shyken	June 22	Louise Lippett	July 23
Eli Ben Mario Lopez	June 24	Aryeh Epstein	July 23
Michael Denenberg	June 25	Ruben Pitman-Kogan	July 24
Mercedes Obora	June 27	Donald Gerber	July 25
Laini Wolman Reinblatt	June 28	Charles V. Robinson	July 26
Alondra Oregon Shyken	June 29	Lillian Cohen	July 27
Mona Aoki	June 29	Les Kay	July 28
Dani Shrago	June 30	Bailee Gerber	July 29
Harry Weiner	June 30	Vera Dobin	July 30
Isaac Kurtzman	June 30	Micah Zalman Kohen	July 31
Rebecca Esther Stein	July 2	Natalie Shnayder	July 31
Max Polack	July 3		

ANNIVERSARIES

Aryeh & Crystal Epstein	June 3
Jon & Denise Meyers	June 7
Jeff & Sherry Taxman	June 8
Adam & Jessica Rich	June 13
Drs. Howard Gendelman & Bonnie Bloch	June 15
Nathan & Marcha Feldman	June 17
Don & Nancy Greenberg	June 18
Marvin & Hedy Kirke	June 19
Nikki & Jon Tindall	June 26
Richard Reinblatt & Laini Wolman Reinblatt	June 29
Alan Biniamow & Nancy Rampey-Biniamow	June 30
Rabbi Ari & Laura Dembitzer	July 4
Eric Dunning & Toba Cohen-Dunning	July 12
Manny & Carol Goldberg	July 14
Douglas & Crystal Smith	July 27
Michael & Marina Sadofsky	July 28

CONTRIBUTIONS

Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from May 1 through May 29.
Please contact the office with any questions.

DONATIONS

GENERAL DONATIONS

In memory of Mike Feldman - *Jack & Hellene Shrago*
In memory of Hersz Flatowicz - *Ann Moskovitz, Harry & Kathy Weiner, Julian & Anne Berman, Trosclair Family, Ann Harris, Linda & Johnny Veselka*
In memory of Sandra Belgrade - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
In honor of Lior Nicholson-Shyken's graduation - *Ida Banner*
For the birth of Rabbi Shlomo and Hodaya Abramovich's beautiful daughter - *Errol & Lynne Saltzman, Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman*
For the birthday of Rina & Esther Dembizer - *Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman*
For the birthday of Harold Edelman - *Jack & Bette Kozlen*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Mike Feldman - *Maxine & Joe Kirshenbaum*
In appreciation of Beth Israel - *Inna Erlikh*

YAHREIT DONATIONS

- ◆ Sidney Katleman - *Ferne Katleman*
- ◆ Jack E Cohen - *Cohen & Dunning Families*
- ◆ Rebecca Singer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
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- ◆ Zena P & Sam Kutler - *Their loving grand-children*
- ◆ Bennet Kutler - *His nieces & nephews*
- ◆ Lillian Kutler - *Her nieces & nephews*
- ◆ Ellie M & Carolyn Kutler-Ratner - *Pacey, Debbie, Ronna, Mallory, & James*

Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokhshe'ar
avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim



Steven H Goodman ☆ Larry E Katz
Sandra Belgrade ☆ Robert Pitlor
Lorrie Stein ☆ Harriet Singer



...Rabbi Shlomo & Hodaya Abramovich on the birth of their baby girl, Noa Rivka.
...Yoni & Liora Herskowitz on the birth of their baby boy, Caleb Judah.

**Have a special simcha in your family?
Call the office so we can share your good news!**

Lily Tam's Challah Baking Class 1:00 p.m. June 23rd @ Beth Israel

There is something truly beautiful and sacred when a woman makes challah. It is a labor of love, but so much more! In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Lily Tam will be teaching the greater meaning of Challah baking. We are calling all women to come join us at Beth Israel on June 23rd from 1-3 for a class on how you can add an extra element to your Shabbas Table! Please RSVP to Lauren Tam at usbooksandme@yahoo.com by June 10th to guarantee we have enough supplies!

One of the recommendations in our security audit was to secure good relationships with our neighbors. It is with this in mind, that we will be allowing the Montessori Educational Centers to use our parking lot during the day Mondays - Thursdays, as well as the afternoons from 3:30-530 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays., starting June 10th through July 2nd. We have asked them to use the Northwest corner of the parking lot and to be mindful of Shabbat. If you have questions, please contact the office.



Omaha Gives!

Beth Israel, along with many other organizations, participated in Omaha Gives! on Wednesday, May 23rd. We are proud to report that Beth Israel raised \$1,206!

Thank you very much to the following for their support:

Jeff Kirshenbaum, Patricia Newman (in honor of Dani Shrago), Dana Christensen, Joshua Priluck, Linda Neuman-Potash, Jennie Beckman, Anonymous, Adina Schuller, Nate and Hannah Schwalb, David Silver (in honor of his Parents), Nancy and Phil Wolf, Steve and Margo Riekes, Milton and Marsha Kleinberg, Nate & Hanna Schwalb, Benjamin Johnson, Aviva Segall, Mary Sue Grossman (In honor of Nate Shapiro), Jordana Kurtzman (In honor of Donald Gerber), Lourdes Secola, Anonymous (in honor of Maram Persky Schuster), Rachel Shyken, Anonymous (in honor of The Minyan Men),

Toba Cohen-Dunning (In honor of Rabbi Ari Dembitzer), Beth Cohen, Scott Susman, Catherine Eberle, Maneva Ruth Edelman, Vera Dobin, and Lynne Saltzman.

On behalf of the Beth Israel family, we really appreciate your thinking of us on this wonderful day.



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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS



June 2 - Yom Yerushalayim

June 2 - *What Is So Special and Contentious About Jerusalem?*

With Rabbi Ari

June 4 - Rosh Chodesh

June 8 - Erev Shavuot

June 8 - Shavuot: A Night of Introspection and In-depth
Learning

June 9 - Shavuot

June 10 - Shavuot Yizkor

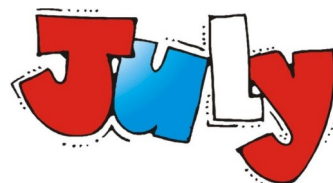
June 10 - Shavuot Luncheon

June 10 - Office CLOSED

June 12 - Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 22 - Lilly Tam Bat Mitzvah/ June Simcha Kiddush

June 23 - Challah Class with Lilly Tam



July 3 - Rosh Chodesh

July 4 - Rosh Chodesh

July 4 - Office CLOSED

July 7 - Night Under the Cochavim

July 10 - Board of Commissioners

July 21 - Fast of Tammuz

***Have a suggestion for the
Beth Israel Programming Committee?
Contact Julee Katzman,
Programming Committee Chair***